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January 5, 2016

Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Governor, State of California State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

We are writing to respectfully urge you to adopt immediate reforms to the State's gas storage wells regulatory processes, modernize inspection technology, and establish an independent panel of experts to oversee the inspection and repair of gas storage wells.

The Aliso Canyon gas leak has resulted in numerous health complaints, as well as the relocation of thousands of families to temporary housing over the recent holiday period. The ongoing exposure to the gas is impacting the health of thousands of Los Angeles County residents, and the long-term health risks from exposure to the natural gas fumes are unknown.

Recent reports indicate that the Southern California Gas Company was aware of the potential for the facility's pipes and infrastructure to fail, and reported to the State's regulatory agencies as early as 2014 that there could be major leakage problems and potential hazards.

The State regulatory agencies' failure to take action in response to the Gas Company's warning of heightened risks under its current inspection process points to the need for a full investigation of why State agencies failed to take action. The State must also adopt reforms to the regulatory process and implement oversight by an independent panel of experts to prevent similar incidents from occurring in other areas or communities that have similar gas storage facilities.

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Your consideration of this important request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Kevin de León President Pro Tempore of the Senate State Capitol, Room 205 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator de León:

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The Honorable Toni G. Atkins Speaker of the Assembly State Capitol, Room 219 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Atkins:

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